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LR 1

motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you like to close, Senator Newell?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, if I could have a Call of the House before I close. It is going to take 25 votes. It is getting late. I don't know how many folks are here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. Will you please return to the Legislative Chambers and record your presence, please. I really would appreciate it if you would do it soon. You ladies and gentlemen under the south balcony, would you help us out, please. Thank you. Senator Ray Lundy, would you punch in, please. Thank you. Senator Kahle, would you punch in, please. I guess we are here. Ladies and gentlemen, would you please listen to Senator Newell close on his kill motion. Thank you.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we were discussing the motion to indefinitely postpone LR 1, a constitutional amendment. Very simply, LR 1 would do two different things. One of them may not be a bad idea. I'm not going to indicate that it is a good idea and that is the question of whether we should have and require A bills for four years. In regards to that part of the issue, I argue very simply and I think succinctly that if it is a good idea we can do it by rule. If you think it needs to be done a little stronger, we can do it by law but we don't need to and we ought not do it by constitutional amendment. The first part of the amendment, however, is one that I find to be the most objectionable and it very simply says that the Appropriations Committee shall be able to set into motion the budget for two years at a time and then only if they specifically come in early on and amend it with the bill during bill introductions, et cetera, can it be changed. That is not good public policy and it certainly